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Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 2,134,881 barrels in May, 1950 compared with 1,382,290 barrels in the previous month. In 1949, the May shipments amounted to 1,469,533 barrels as against 1,535,469 barrels in the previous month. Actual production for May, 1950 was 1,444,585 barrels compared with 1,378,013 barrels in the corresponding month of 1949.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement, May and Year to
Date 1949 and 1950

	Date 1949 and 1990					
	May		Year to date			
	1949	1950	1949	1950		
	(barrels)					
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	967,568	1,689,849	600,368	812,408		
Production	1,378,013	1,444,585	6,218,131	6,382,005		
Shipments to customers	1,469,533	2,134,881	5,936,529	6,193,228		
Used at plants	1,496	1,222	7,418	2,854		
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	874,552	998,331	874,552	998,331		
Exports	4,502	351	6,736	441		
Imports	232,039	(x)	403,978	(x)		

⁽x) Imports for May not yet available. Imports for April amounted to 28,329 barrels and the total for the four months is 52,894 barrels.

The May output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 4,482,014 pieces; hollow blocks, 4,995,365 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,317,342 pieces; chimney blocks, 31,233 pieces; and pipe, 12,133 tons. These figures represent production by 115 of the principal manufacturers which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

NOTE: This report was prepared in the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Section.

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Table 2 - Production and Factory Saipments of Specified Concrete Products, May 1949

	and 1950		1950	
	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period
May				
Concrete brick	2,876,701 4,268 3,702,017 844,776 15,583	2,816,876 6,347 4,103,751 1,045,404 16,257	4,482,014 27,246 4,995,365 1,317,342 31,233	1,535,067
Five Months Ended May				
Concrete brick	9,373,146 17,803 13,336,461 4,658,030 50,864 42,271	7,867,884 22,227 10,988,031 4,468,952 48,854	77,731 14,540,162	

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